

CLAIMS

1. A programmable logic device (PLD) comprising:
a battery voltage pin;
a battery controller connected to the battery voltage pin;
and
at least one critical circuit selectively connected to the battery voltage pin, and
a memory for storing a charging algorithm and a charging methodology associated with a battery connectable to the battery voltage pin.
2. The PLD of Claim 1, wherein the battery controller includes:
a battery charger controlled by the battery controller and operatively coupled to the battery voltage pin, the battery charger for charging the battery using the charging algorithm and the charging methodology.
3. The PLD of Claim 1, further including:
a voltage source pin connected to the at least one critical circuit; and
a voltage detector connected to the voltage source pin, the voltage detector selectively connecting the battery voltage pin to the at least one critical circuit.
4. The PLD of Claim 1, wherein the battery controller further includes end of life circuitry operatively coupled to the battery voltage pin.

5. The PLD of Claim 1, wherein the battery controller includes programmable logic resources.

6. A programmable logic device (PLD) comprising:
a first battery voltage pin;
a second battery voltage pin;
a battery controller selectively connected to one of the first battery voltage pin and the second battery voltage pin; and
at least one critical circuit selectively connected to one of the first battery voltage pin and the second battery voltage pin.

7. The PLD of Claim 6, further including:
an analog demultiplexer including an input terminal connected to the battery controller, a first output terminal selectively connected to the first battery voltage pin, and a second output terminal selectively connected to the second battery voltage pin.

8. The PLD of Claim 6, further including:
an analog multiplexer including a first input terminal connected to the first battery voltage pin, a second input terminal connected to the second battery voltage pin, and an output terminal selectively connected to the at least one critical circuit.

9. The PLD of Claim 8, wherein the battery controller includes:

a memory for storing a plurality of charging algorithms and a plurality of charging methodologies, wherein a first charging

algorithm and a first charging methodology are associated with a first battery external to the PLD and connectable to the first battery voltage pin, and wherein a second charging algorithm and a second charging methodology are associated with a second battery external to the PLD and connectable to the second battery voltage pin; and

a battery charger controlled by the battery controller and operatively coupled to an input terminal of the analog demultiplexer, the battery charger for charging one of the first battery using the first charging algorithm and the first charging methodology and the second battery using the second charging algorithm and the second charging methodology.

10. The PLD of Claim 8, further including:

a voltage source pin connected to the at least one critical circuit; and

a voltage detector connected to the voltage source pin, the voltage detector selectively connecting the output terminal of the analog multiplexer to the at least one critical circuit.

11. The PLD of Claim 8, wherein the battery controller further includes end of life circuitry operatively coupled to at least one the first battery voltage pin and the second battery voltage pin.

12. The PLD of Claim 6, wherein the battery controller includes programmable logic resources.

13. A method of fabricating a programmable logic device (PLD), the method comprising:

providing a battery voltage pin;
connecting a battery controller to the battery voltage pin;
providing a selective connection between the at least one critical circuit and the battery voltage pin; and
providing volatile memory in the battery controller for storing a charging algorithm and a charging methodology associated with a battery external to the PLD and connectable to the battery voltage pin.

14. The method of Claim 13, further including:
coupling a battery charger, controlled by the battery controller, to the battery voltage pin, the battery charger for charging the battery using the charging algorithm and the charging methodology.

15. The method of Claim 13, further including:
connecting a voltage source pin to the at least one critical circuit; and
connecting a voltage detector to the voltage source pin, the voltage detector for selectively connecting the battery voltage pin to the at least one critical circuit.

16. The method of Claim 14, further including:
coupling end of life circuitry to the battery voltage pin.

17. The method of Claim 13, further including implementing a portion of the battery controller with programmable logic resources.

18. A method of fabricating a programmable logic device (PLD), the method comprising:

providing a first battery voltage pin;

providing a second battery voltage pin;

providing a selective connection between a battery controller and one of the first battery voltage pin and the second battery voltage pin;

providing a selective connection between the at least one critical circuit and one of the first battery voltage pin and the second battery voltage pin; and

providing a volatile memory for storing a plurality of charging algorithms and a plurality of charging methodologies, wherein a first charging algorithm and a first charging methodology are associated with a first battery connectable to the first battery voltage pin, and a second charging algorithm and a second charging methodology are associated with a second battery connectable to the second battery voltage pin.

19. The method of Claim 18, further including:

connecting an input terminal of a demultiplexer to the battery controller;

providing a selective connection between a first output terminal of the demultiplexer and the first battery voltage pin; and

providing a selective connection between a second output terminal of the demultiplexer and the second battery voltage pin.

20. The method of Claim 18, further including:

connecting a first input terminal of a multiplexer to the first battery voltage pin;

connecting a second input terminal of the multiplexer to the second battery voltage pin; and

providing a selective connection between an output terminal of the multiplexer and the at least one critical circuit.

21. The method of Claim 20, further including:

coupling a battery charger, controlled by the battery controller, to the input terminal of the demultiplexer, the battery charger for charging one of the first battery using the first charging algorithm and the first charging methodology and the second battery using the second charging algorithm and the second charging methodology.

22. The method of Claim 21, further including:

connecting a voltage source pin to the at least one critical circuit; and

connecting a voltage detector to the voltage source pin, the voltage detector for selectively connecting the output terminal of the analog multiplexer to the at least one critical circuit.

23. The method of Claim 22, further including providing a selective connection between end of life circuitry and at least one of the first battery voltage pin and the second battery voltage pin.

24. The method of Claim 18, further including implementing at least one of the selective connections with programmable logic resources.

25. A method of using a programmable logic device (PLD), the PLD including a battery charger and non-volatile memory, the method comprising:

storing a charging algorithm and a charging methodology;
and

connecting a battery to the PLD, wherein the charging algorithm and the charging methodology relate to the battery.

26. The method of Claim 25, further including implementing a portion of the battery charger with programmable logic resources.

27. The method of Claim 25, further including charging the battery using the battery charger, wherein the battery charger accesses the charging algorithm and the charging methodology.